# To Kill a Mockingbird

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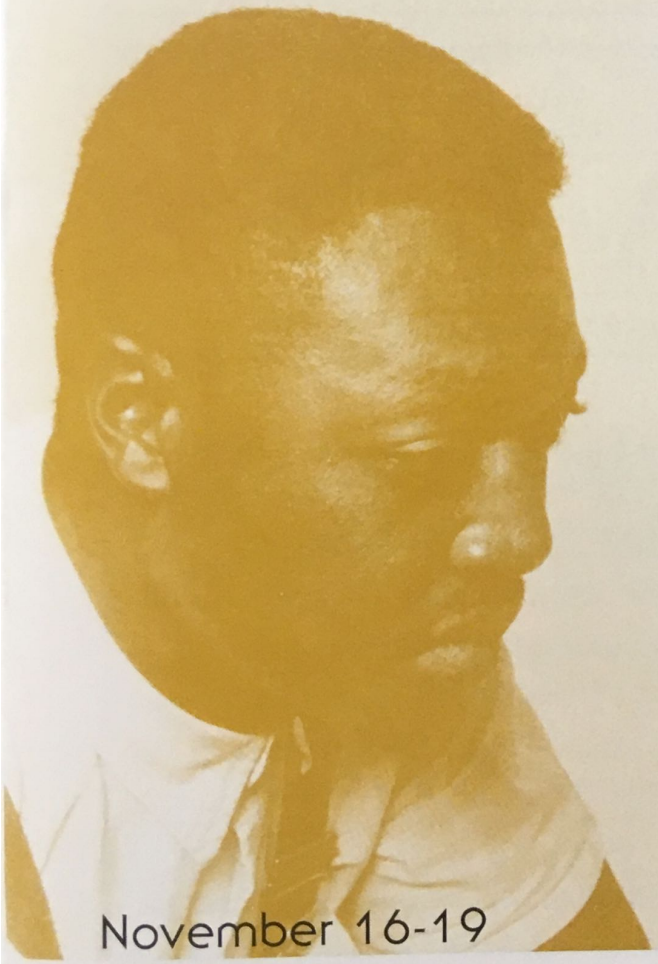
## Sumter Little Theatre



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Patriot Hall

# Sumter Little Theatre

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# To Kill a Mockingbird

Written by **Harper Lee** ★ Directed by **Katie Damron** ★ Dramatized By **Christopher Sergel**

Produced by special arrangements with
The Dramatic Publishing Company
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## To Kill a Mockingbird

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| Set Building | • | Bill Kennedy, Rowland White, David Shields, Will Hudson, Michael R. Hussey, Willie Pringle, Harry L. Thompson, Pete & Lydia Unsworth, Anne Harrington |
| Set Painting | • | Deane Ackerman, Randa Edmunds, Samantha Richardson |
| Lighting Design | • | Hank Shadwell |
| Lighting Technician | • | Morris Miller, Bill Kennedy |
| Costume Design | • | Marge Cowles |
| Sewing | • | BethAnne Michels, Shannon Flaherty, Marge Cowles, Jeannie Purdy, Anne Harrington |
| Sound Technician | • | Susan & Michael Whitaker |
| Makeup | • | Janet Petersen, Shannon Allison, Kristi Minton, Donald Queen, Shannon Drysdale |
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## The Cast
**(in order of appearance)**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Jean Louise | • | Joan S. Brown |
| Scout | • | Ashley Purdy |
| Maudie Atkinson | • | Jeannie Purdy |
| Calpurnia | • | Laura Y. Hunter |
| Heck Tate | • | Buzz Cornell |
| Judge Taylor | • | Jim Wade |
| Stephanie Crawford | • | Myra Yeatts |
| Jem Finch | • | Brian Drysdale |
| Mr. Dubose | • | Shannon Flaherty |
| Reverend Sykes | • | J.C. Colclough |
| Mayella Ewell | • | Micheline Phelan |
| Bob Ewell | • | Rowland White |
| Dill | • | Dan Stendahl |
| Nathan Radley | • | Dale A. Perala |
| Atticus FInch | • | David R. Brown |
| Walter Cunningham | • | David A. Strickland |
| Mr. Gilmer | • | Steve Pradarelli |
| Tom Robinson | • | Doug Witherspoon |
| Helen Robinson | • | Lorraine Washington |
| Arthur Radley (Boo) | • | Donald Queen |
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# Cast Notes
**(alphabetical order)**

**David R. Brown** (Atticus) . . . David played Atticus 17 years ago, but says this time it makes more sense to him as an actor and as a person. He is a believable actor and a believable man, but above all else, he admires Mickey Mouse.

**Joan S. Brown** (Jean Louise, the adult Scout) . . . A self-employed Sumter attorney, Joan hasn't done theatre since high school and is delighted to get back into it. She loves the play, and like everyone else, the last scene makes her cry.

**Cornell** (Heck Tate) . . . Buzz last appeared on the SLT stage in *"You Can't Take It With You."* He auditioned for this play because it is an American classic that has become deeper and wiser with his maturity.

**J.C. Colclough** (Reverend Sykes) . . . This is J.C.'s first stage appearance. He's the only one on our stage that remembers 1935 and he feels very close to the subject matter.

**Brian Drysdale** (Jem) . . . He has a long list of credits with SLT. Our resident practical joker, his Halloween trick was to convince his director that he had actually broken his arm playing football. It's dangerous to fool "Mother Director," Brian.

**Shannon Flaherty** (Mrs. Dubose) . . . The stage is Shannon's newest challenge although she has assisted in costuming before. Being a parent, this drama means more to her now than when she first read it.

**Laura Hunter** (Calpurnia) . . . Laura is the drama teacher at Sumter High. Her favorite scene is when Atticus stresses to Scout that most people are nice "when you really see them."

**Dale A. Perala** (Nathan Radley) . . . Dale is with the security police at Shaw. He's actually a warm friendly person, not at all like his character.

**Micheline Phelan** (Mayella) . . . A photographer for The Item, she's done college productions and freely admits she likes to dress up and "ham it up." She also admit she's weird and is in love with Gregory Peck. That's not weird, Micheline.

**Steve Pradarelli** (Mr. Gilmer) . . . Steve, an Item reporter, spent two years with the Performing Arts Theatre in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. After working with this play, he says he can better relate to the mood of the period.

**Ashley Purdy** (Scout) . . . A SLT drama student of some years, Ashley auditioned for *"Mockingbird"* to gain more experience on stage. Her favorite scene is when she meets Boo Radley.

**Jeannie Purdy** (Maudie) . . . She is the mother of Ashley and admits she auditioned because her daughter talked her into it. Jeannie is a fourth grade Alice Drive Elementary teacher.

**Donald Queen** (Boo Radley) . . . Last seen in *"West Side Story"*, Don works as a hairstylist when he is not scaring children. He says although he's totally awesome, theatre adds dimension to his life.

**Dan Stendahl** (Dill) . . . Dan is a first year drama student with SLT. This is also his first appearance with us. An impish intelligent lad, Dan is very much like his character in this play.

**David A. Strickland** (Walter Cunningham) . . . David's last stae performance was *"Babes in Toyland."* He decided to get back into theatre to meet new people and have fun.

**Jim Wade** (Judge Taylor) . . . Jim has done 25 SLT productions since 1974, but has not been on stage since the Cultural Commission production of *"Annie."* Welcome back, Jim.

**Lorraine Washington** (Helen Robinson) . . . She has graced our stage on several occasions and she is always delightful. She is still single and still looking.

## Cast Notes
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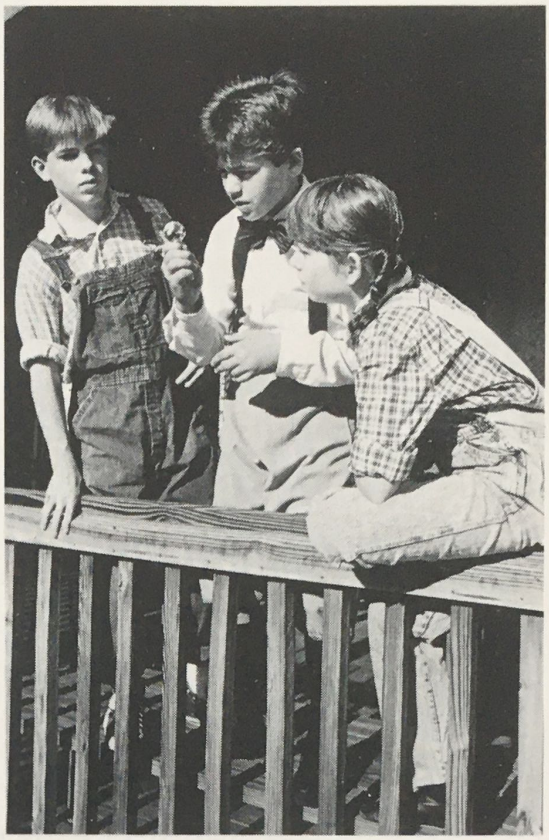
**Rowland White** (Bob Ewell) . . . Rowland's theatre experience has been limited. We think he's come a long way since he was a tree in *"Hansel and Gretel."* His favorite scene in the play is with Miss Stephanie and Tim's fleas.

**Douglas Witherspoon** (Tom Robinson) . . . An alcohol and drug abuse counselor with District 17, Doug decided the new experience of theatre would be interesting. This is Doug's first time on stage.

**Myra Yeatts** (Miss Stephanie) . . . A long time associate of SLT, Myra usually spends her time behind the scenes. On stage she usually plays one of those characters people love to hate. Is that type-casting, or what?



**Left to right: Brian Drysdale, Dan Stendahl, Ashley Purdy.**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